

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED, MORRIS COUNTY CHAPTER

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it is celebrating 30 years of community service.

Established in 1946, The Links, Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization that combines the ideals of friendship and community service to focus on civic, cultural, and educational endeavors. The Morris County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated (The Links) was chartered in May, 1982, under the guidance of Elizabeth Quick. One of the organization's first projects was the Open Door program, established to provide newly relocated minorities with an orientation and welcoming committee, often catering to particular needs. Around the same time, The Links also began the Hands Across Generations program to help establish and build relationships between senior citizens and the younger generations.

As new technologies were brought into society's everyday life, the organization developed the Digital Divide. The Digital Divide partners with Morristown High School and its students to help teach senior citizens how to use computers.

The organization also maintains a strong commitment to the arts through various events and exhibits. One very special program, the Literary Teas program, utilizes forums to promote African American authors within the community.

Three years ago, The Links began Working with the Morristown Neighborhood House, an organization that supports our low-income community and fosters cross-cultural acceptance, and developed a program called Rhythms for Life: Music Matters in Morris County, which offers instructor-led violin lessons to grammar and middle school students.

The Links has directed many of its programs and activities towards the youth of Morris County. The organization provides and sponsors various mentoring and educational programs. The Film Workshop, a recent mentoring program, teaches students the phases of film making. So far the program has produced three films that have won national recognition. The Links also recognizes the importance of education, and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving college students in Morris County.

The Links, Incorporated looks forward to facing the challenges ahead and plans to continue promoting and maintaining civic, educational, and intercultural activities to help enrich the members of the Morris County community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Morris County

Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, as they celebrate 30 years of community service.

### RECOGNIZING TOYOTA MATERIAL HANDLING, U.S.A., INC.

### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toyota Material Handling, U.S.A., INC. which recently moved its North American headquarters to Columbus, Indiana in my congressional district.

Toyota Material Handling, U.S.A., INC. (TMHU) has been operating in North America for 45 years and in 1990 began lift truck production at the Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing facility in Columbus. The company has been producing the number-one selling lift truck in the U.S. since 2002. The majority of all Toyota lift trucks sold in the U.S. are manufactured in Columbus.

Recently Toyota celebrated the official grand opening of their multi-million dollar investment in their new campus and the line-off of the first large capacity Toyota 8-Series lift truck. The same event also marked the 450,000th lift truck produced at the Columbus plant. By moving their headquarters to Columbus TMHU continues its investment in Southeastern Indiana and support for the community's economic vitality.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing Toyota Material Handling, U.S.A., INC. Their leadership and economic impact on our state has been invaluable. TMHU is a great community partner, and I look forward to working with them often in the future.

### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOHN E. PICKELMAN

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding leader in higher education in my district. Chancellor Emeritus Dr. John E. Pickelman became the second chancellor of North Harris County College in 1991 and served until his retirement in 2007.

During his service as chancellor, enrollment increased from 14,000 to over 49,000 and grew from three colleges—LSC—North Harris, LSC—Kingwood and LSC—Tomball to five colleges, with the addition of LSC—Montgomery and LSC—CyFair, the first community college to open in the 21st century.

Under his strong commitment to provide access to quality education for all citizens, LSC's boundaries expanded from five to eleven independent school districts and added six satellite centers.

Dr. Pickelman expanded the dual credit program and created early college high schools in partnership with local school districts which allowed qualified high school students to earn college credit while still in high school.

He established The University Center, an innovative, highly successful multi-university teaching facility in The Woodlands, providing students and the community the opportunity to earn a bachelors or master's degree from six public universities.

Dr. Pickelman was also credited with establishing a university-level sabbatical program for the benefit of Lone Star College System faculty and administrators to continue professional work in their respective fields.

He served as a tireless advocate and leader for higher education at the local, state and national level and championed the college's role in economic development, establishing the center for Business and Economic Development, the Chamber Alliance and Leadership North Houston.

Some of his leadership roles in numerous national, state and local organizations include chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Association Colleges and Schools, chairman of the board of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Pickelman earned a bachelor's degree in English from Albion College and a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He received his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin, where he received a distinguished graduate award from the College of Education.

Dr. Pickelman and his wife, Barbara, are proud parents of two sons, Matthew and Jason; and four grandchildren. He is an excellent chef and he has personally raised over \$100,000 for student scholarships auctioning off his culinary evenings.

In recognition for his years of accomplished service in higher education, the Lone Star College System will rename the student center at the Lone Star College—Kingwood campus the Dr. John E. Pickelman Student Center.

Dr. Pickelman, I congratulate you on this honor and I want to thank you for your years of service to higher education and for your generous commitment to serving others.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2013*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 612, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor due to unforeseen travel circumstances. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 3547, the Space Launch Liability Indemnification Extension Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."